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ACCOUNT  
Of the totall Defeat of the  
SWEDES  
ARMY  
IN  
FUELEN.

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*Written by a Person of known integrity to a Friend in  
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I Have not wrote to you since your departure for *Breda*, but I have received one Letter since from you; but now having some news to write, I shall forbear no longer: but shall in brief give you an account of the destruction of the King of *Swedens* Army in *Fuenen*. *Opdam* ether for want of courage, or commission, having done nothing worthy of a Cavalier, returned for *Holland*, leaving the work to be finished by *de Ruyter*, who having shipped at *Kiel*, the Confederate Army under the Command of that gallant Gentleman *Schaack* & Lieut. Generall *Eberstein*, set Sail for *Fuenen*, where, upon their landing they were gallantly received by the *Swedes*, under the Command of the Paltzgrave of *Sultzback*, but being over-powered by numbers and

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they landing in two places of the Island, the *Suedes* were forced to retreat into *Nyborch* whether *de Ruyter* sailed, and so hindred the Reliefe which the King of *Sweden* did intend to send them. *Schaack* having thus got footing in the Island, marched directly for *Nyborch*, for the *Swedish* Army being blockt up both by Sea and land, without any possibility of releife, at last resolved gallantly to march out and give the Confederate Army battell, and so either to die on the bed of honour, or else live victoriously. So on the 24 of the last St. Nov. the Paltzgrave of *Sultzback* with his Army marched out of *Nyborch* towards the Confederate Army, which lay about one mile from them, but in *battalia* to receive them. The *Suedes* most gallantly began the battell, and first they fell upon *Eberstein*, and after a bloody conflict, forced the wing under his Command to retreat, so that for some time the victory did incline to the *Suedes*: but  
*Schaack*

*Schaack* perceiving how things went in that part of the battell, with a select company of Souldiers fel upon the *Svedes*, who seemed to be victorious on that side, and forced the *Svedes* not only to a stand, but to aretreat. In the mean time *de Ruyter* hearing by the ratling of the Musquets that the fight was begun, sailed directly to the Town, and having 2 Forts to passe by, before he could come close to the Town, he bouldly set upon them both at once, & so took them; which being performed he came with his fleet close up to the Town, into the which he discharged above 2000 pieces of Cannon, his least Gun shooting over the Town. Now as the thundering of *de Ruyters* was a great encouragement to the Confederate Army, so it must of necessity be a great discouragement to the *Svedes*, to hear their funerall knell rung by *de Ruyter's* Ordinance: So that being over-powered by the Confederate Army, forced the *Svedes* to a rout, and  
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so confusedly fled all into *Nyborch*, being pursued by the whole Army. At their comming into *Nyborch* the *Svvedes* found themselves in greater, danger then in the battell, the Town being but little, and *de Ruyters* Ordinance without intermission playing upon them, which forced the *Svvedes* to send to *Schaack* for a Treaty, and to appoint Commissioners, and they sent an Officer to *de Ruyter* to give him notice that they were in treaty; whereupon he left shooting, but told the Officer, that if the treaty was not finished in one hour, he would then begin the fight again, and so calling for an Hour-glass he turned it up. As soon as the *Svvedish* Officer came to *Schaack*, and desired to treat, he answered he had no leasure to treat, but demanded that the *Svvedes* should surrender the whole Island of *Fuenen*, with all their Arms and baggage, and both Officers great and small, and all the common Souldiers, to surrender themselves both

both for life and death to his mercy. This seeming very hard to the *Svedes*, they sent again to him, but could get no other answer from him. In the time that this was transacting *de Ruyter's* Hour-glass was out; and to let the *Svedes* know so much he discharged some hundreds of Cannon-shot amongst them, which forced the *Svedes* to accept *Schaack's* proposition, and gave *de Ruyter* notice of it: but he did not leave shooting untill *Schaack* sent his Trumpeter unto him with notice of the agreement. There were slain upon the place and in the pursuit General Major *Botteker*, 5 Colonells, 3 Lieutenant Colonells, and about 2300 horse and foot on both sides. In the fight were taken the Duke of *Weimar*, Grave *Koningsmark*, Major General *Barlever*, and Col. *Smidt*. Taken upon the surrender Lieut. Gen. *Horne*, Major Gen. *Grave Van Waldeck*, General Maj. *Weyer*, Grave *Wrangle*, 6 Colonels, another Grave *Waldeck*,

deck, with all the inferiour Officers, and 4700 Souldiers, 88 Standerts, 28 Foot Colors, 12 Colors of Dragoons, 36 Cannon. A more compleat Victory then this I have not lately heard of. The next day *Schaack* having feasted *de Ruyter* and thanked him dismissed him, who set Sail for *Travemund*: and as he wrote of the 1<sup>st</sup> of *December* from thence, that as soon as he had taken in his provisions, he would sail for *Copenhagen*, where he understood there lay 36 *Swedish* Men-of-war, which he did intend to fight with, if they would stay his coming. I have also notice that as soon as the King of *Sweden* had notice of this misfortune, he burnt his Leaguer before *Copenhagen*, and so retreated to *Cronenburg*: the *Paltzgrave* of *Sultzback*, and *Col. Steinbock* were onely missing of the whole Army, being conceived to have got away in a Fisher-boat for *Zealand*: but since they write they were both found in women's Apparrell 3 daies after the fight. The Creame of the King of *Sweden's* Army is lost in this action.

I can adde no more at present, but to let you know that I shall constantly remain,

The 2<sup>nd</sup> of Decemb.

Your most humble Servant

St. Vet. 1659.

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